

GIRLS YOUTH SOFTBALL

ROGERS COMMUNITY SCHOOL RECREATION ASSOCIATION

PARENTS AND PLAYERS



GETTING KIDS IN THE GAME!



Mission Statement

It is the mission of the Rogers Community School Recreation Association to provide a variety of activities and sports that promote health in both mind and body, through fellowship and good sportsmanship, in a purely recreational environment.

League Basics

The Rogers Community School Recreation Association (RCSRA) Board of Directors is charged with establishing policies and guidelines that govern our youth recreational sports programs. This group of individuals takes this responsibility very seriously, keeping in mind that the ultimate goal is for every child to have the opportunity to participate, regardless of athletic ability or financial status.

The RCSRA and Rogers Parks and Recreation Department staffs implement the policies and guidelines established by the RCSRA Board of Directors. The League Directors constantly strive to make each experience a positive influence in the participant's life.

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Website

The Parks & Recreation website is a valuable resource that we use for conveying information. Forms used by the league, game schedules, rules, cancellations due to inclement weather, and other announcements and information can be found at www.rogersarkansas.com/parks.

Program Evaluations

Program evaluations are extremely important and help us evaluate and plan for the next season. Please fill out a parent evaluation form at the end of the season. The forms can be found on the website or at the Rogers Activity Center and turned into the front desk.

Weather Cancellations

In the event of inclement weather, cancellations will be posted on the Parks & Recreation website with the date or you may call the cancellation line at the Rogers Activity Center at (479)631-0336 ext. 1. The center will rule on game cancellations up until 4:00 p.m. each day. If it rains between 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m., the umpires will make the decision at the game time. After 5:00 p.m. on

weekdays, and any time on weekends, staff may not be available to update the 'cancellation' feature. All weather cancellations will attempt to be made up.

Rogers Youth Softball Code of Conduct

All coaches, players, guests, and league staff shall be treated with courtesy and respect at all times.

Coaches

1. All coaches shall promote and maintain good sportsmanship at all times, including at all practices, games and team functions.
2. Coaches shall comply with the league code of conduct and any additional league rules set down by the league staff.

Players

1. Players are required to attend games, practices or league functions.
2. Players must be on time for practices and games.
3. Players need to contact their coach if they cannot attend a practice or game.
4. Only coaches may dispute a call made by the officiating staff, not the players or parents.
5. Complete uniforms must be worn at every game.
6. Players must behave appropriately. Good sportsmanship is mandatory at all times.
7. Commitment to and respect for your teammates and coaches are required.
8. Players may not abuse or throw any equipment (gloves, bats, helmets, etc.)
9. Players will remain on their assigned team unless approved by the League Director.
10. If a player has a problem regarding the team, he must speak to the coach first. If the problem is not resolved then they should speak to the League Director.

Parents/Spectators

1. Parents/spectators should encourage players and not disrespect other players, coaches or umpires.
2. Parents/spectators should always support coaches and players, and coaches should never be second-guessed.
3. Parents/spectators should not talk to players during games. Players need to focus.
4. Coaching advice should not be disputed.
5. Spectators are not to be on the players' bench or in the playing area.

Disciplinary Guidelines:

Enforcement of the league playing rules shall be the sole responsibility of the officiating staff assigned to the game. Enforcement of additional code of conduct rules shall be the joint responsibility of the League Director, officiating staff assigned to that game, any league staff present at the game, and RCSRA administrative staff.

Violations of conduct rules for coaches, fans and players include (but are not limited to) the following:

- Fighting
- Foul language
- Derogatory remarks made to umpires, coaches or league officials
- Cheating or fraud of any kind
- Destruction of league or city property
- Continued use of improper equipment or wearing of an improper uniform after being warned

If a coach, player, or fan is ejected from a game, he/she must leave the playing field immediately. In addition to ejection from the game, the individual may receive an additional suspension and/or penalty assigned by the league director.

Perspective

- Winning is not everything.
- Stress fun, not competition.
- Focus should be on fun participation for all youth (regardless of skill level.)
- Youth coaches volunteer to coach and not spectate.
- Be realistic about children's motor skill abilities.
- It's only a game.

Attitude

- Smile!
- Let the children have fun!
- Realize equalizing playing time is important to each child's development, even if this results in the team losing the game.
- Losing and winning are both an equally important part of the sport experience.

Responsibilities

- Have your child at practice and games on time.
- Pick up your child promptly after practice.
- Call the coach if your child is unable to attend a practice or game.
- Let the coach know if your child has any medical concerns.
- Make an effort to learn the rules.
- Respect coaches, officials, and other staff. Children will reflect your behavior.
- If you disagree with a coach, express your concern away from practice/game and parents/players.
- Let the coach be the coach. If you would like to volunteer to coach please fill out a coaches application next season. Providing instructions from the bleachers interferes with the child's learning.
- Refrain from tobacco and alcohol use.

Encourage

- Support your child's decision to play sports.
- Use positive comments.
- Negative comments should not be made (even if directed at your own child).
- Negative criticism should not be made toward coaches, players, or officials.
- Help your child practice skills learned at practices and games.
- Be a super fan and cheer for both teams.

Notable

- "Did you have fun?"
- "What did you learn?"
- 70% of children quit sports because they no longer find it fun.
- Children play sports to have fun, be with friends and to improve skills and knowledge.

Team Parent – Get Involved

- Assist the coach with phone calls.
- Help disperse team information, such as, schedules, practices, and pictures.
- Arrange a parent schedule for providing snacks/drinks at games.
- Be in charge of the end of the season gathering.
- Help other parents (and the environment) by carpooling.
- Support the coach by allowing her/him to coach your child.